

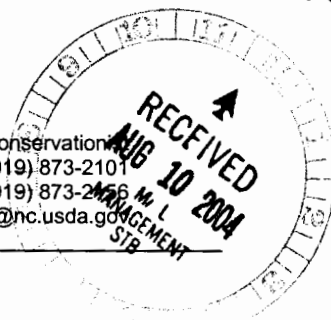
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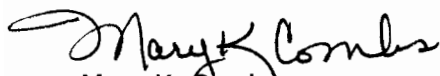
Dear Ms. Ghosh:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on Environmental Assessment, STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 251X), Norfolk Southern Railway Company-Abandonment Exemption-in Chowan County, North Carolina, and STB Docket No. AB-866X, North Carolina & Virginia Railroad Company, Inc., The Chesapeake and Albemarle Division – Discontinuance of Service Exemption-in Chowan County, North Carolina.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service does not have any comments at this time.

Contact Mike Hinton if you have any questions at (919) 873-2134.

Sincerely,


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